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(*b*) the number admitted in the hospital during the said year;

(*c*) the number in the waiting list; and

(*d*) the number of workers among them?

A.—(*a*) 600.

(*b*) 128.

(*c*) 142.

(*d*) No worker under the employees' State Insurance Scheme is in the waiting list.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to announce that the following five Members have been nominated by the Madras Legislative Council to associate with the Committee on Estimates of the Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1959–60:—

1 Sri V. M. Surendram.

2 ,, S. R. P. Ponnuswamy Chettiar.

3 ,, A. Subramanyam.

4 ,, L. S. Karayalar.

5 ,, V. V. Ramaswami.

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE* REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES OF MERCHANTS DEALING IN PERISHABLES.

MR. SPEAKER: I have received notice of two adjournment motions, one from the hon. Member Sri N. K. Palanisami and another from the hon. Member Sri P. S. Chinnadurai. The motion given notice of by the hon. Member Sri Palaniswami wants to discuss the failure of the Government to settle the grievances of the merchants dealing in perishables throughout the State. When this question was raised recently by another hon. Member I told him that he can put a short notice question to the Hon. Minister concerned and get the necessary information. A short notice question was admitted and the Hon. Minister answered the question and number of supplementaries were also allowed on the question. Now, what are we going to do by allowing this adjournment motion? It is not possible during Budget time to allow an adjournment motion. We are going to discuss the Appropriation Bill today. If the hon. Member Sri Palaniswami gets a chance—I emphasise the word ' if ' he can raise the question during the discussion on the Appropriation Bill and the Hon. Minister will in his reply answer it. Therefore I cannot allow the adjournment motion. I rule it out of order. 9.30 a.m.

The hon. Member Sri P. S. Chinnadurai has also given notice of a motion for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance under Rule 40. We are adjourning today and the statement of the Hon. Minister will be ready only by the 20th of April. Unless the Hon. Minister takes it up and answers it immediately, no useful purpose will be served by admitting the motion. As I said earlier, we are going to discuss the Appropriation Bill today and if he gets a chance he may mention about it. Therefore I do not give him permission to make his motion.

SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI : My motion is under Rule 41, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : An adjournment motion cannot be allowed during Budget time. The fundamental principle is, it should be raised if that matter cannot be brought before the House within a reasonable time. That is the fundamental principle of all adjournment motions. Now, today we are going to discuss the Appropriation Bill. If he gets an opportunity during the discussion of the Bill he can talk about it and the Hon. Minister will reply to the points raised. I cannot allow any discussion to take place today. Being a leader of the party, I will give him a chance to speak during the discussion of the Bill, when he can refer to the points raised in his adjournment motion. I therefore do not give him permission to move the motion and rule it out of order.

V.—POINT OF INFORMATION *RE* DISTURBANCE AT ROYAPETTAH POLICE STATION.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Mr. Speaker Sir, on a point of information கடந்த சனிக்கிழமை மாலையில் ராயப்பேட்டை வட்டாரத்தில் டாக்ஸி ட்ரைவரை ஒரு போலீஸ் அதிகாரி, டிராபிக் டிபார்டுமென்டைச் சேர்ந்தவர். . . .

MR. SPEAKER : He cannot make a speech unless I allow the hon. Member.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I am not making a speech. ஏதோ அவமரியாதையாக நடந்து கொண்டதற்காக அந்த டாக்ஸி ட்ரைவரை கைது செய்ததாகவும் அதைக்கண்டு ஆத்திரப்பட்டு மற்ற டாக்ஸி ட்ரைவர்களும் பொது மக்களும் அந்த போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷனை முற்றுகை இட்டதால் அங்கே லத்தி சார்ஜ், கண்ணீர் புகை பிரயோகம் செய்யப்பட்டதாகவும் தெரிகிறது.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member should be brief.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : அதைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் ஏதாவது தகவல் இருக்கிறதா? அப்படி இருந்தால் அதைச் சொல்லுவார்களா என்பதைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member has stated what all he wanted to say about his case Has the Hon. the Home Minister to say anything about it.